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1. ACTION POSTS PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO APPROPRIATE

HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CHARGED WITH OVERALL CIEC RESPONSIBILITIES.

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- 2. AS WE INDICATED IN THE MAY 14 G-8 MEETING, WE INTEND TO ENGAGE IN ANOTHER ROUND OF BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE G-19 PRIOR TO THE CIEC MINISTERIAL. THESE CONSULTATIONS WOULD NOT BE ON THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF CIEC PER SE BUT WOULD PUT THE CONFERENCE IN A GLOBAL POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE. THUS WE PLAN TO SEND THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO THE MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR CIEC IN ALL G-19 CAPITALS IN A FEW DAYS.
- 3) QUOTE DEAR MR. MINISTER: I LOOK FORWARD WITH PLEASURE TO JOINING YOU AT THE CONFERENCE

ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN PARIS ON MAY 30. IT IS MY HOPE, WHICH I AM CONFIDENT YOU SHARE, THAT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE WILL MARK A NEW STAGE IN COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

4) THE PARIS CONFERENCE HAS ALREADY GIVEN IMPORTANT IMPETUS TO WORK ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. OVER THE 19 MONTHS OF THE CONFERENCE, OUR JOINT ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS HAS ACCELERATED WORK IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ON SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ISSUES AS COMMODITIES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOREST COUNTRIES, TRADE, AND AGRICULTURE.

- 5) WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING TO CONSOLIDATE THESE GAINS AND TO GIVE MAJOR POLITICAL IMPETUS TO ONGOING WORK IN UNCTAD, THE WORLD BANK, MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, AND ELSEWHERE. OUR MAJOR EFFORTS AT THIS STAGE SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON THOSE AREAS WHERE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ADVANCES ARE NOW POSSIBLE. THESE WOULD INCLUDE THE IMPORTANT SUBJECTS OF INCREASED LEVELS OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE; INCREASED RESOURCES FOR THE WORLD BANK; COMMODITIES, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMON FUND; AND FUTURE COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF ENERGY, TRADE, AND INVESTMENT.
- 6) THE DIALOGUE AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING

COUNTRIES WILL NOT END WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARIS CONFERENCE. THE CIEC HAS GIVEN US ALL A KEENER PERCEPTION OF NEEDS, ASPIRATIONS AND POSSIBILITIES. BUT THIS CONFERENCE IS ONLY ONE STAGE -- ALBEIT AN IMPORTANT ONE -- IN A CONTINUING PROCESS OF DIALOGUE AND NEGOTIATION. IF IT IS CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY IT WILL PROVIDE A BASE ON WHICH WE CAN CONTINUE TO BUILD IN THE FUTURE.

7) I AM WRITING TO OTHER COLLEAGUES IN A SIMILAR VEIN IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THE PARIS CONFERENCE A SUCCESS. SINCERELY, CYRUS VANCE UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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